

ALLEGANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2021 Annual Report

SHERIFF RICKY L. WHITNEY

Undersheriffs Kevin D. Monroe / Scott A. Cicirello

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Jail Administrator - Christopher P. Ivers, CJM

Assistant Jail Administrator - Lt. Kevin M. Morsman

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KEVIN D. MONROE
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To the Citizens of Allegany County,

I have now completed eleven years in office and I am proud and humbled that you have continued to support me, and I consider it a privilege to serve as your sheriff.

It was another productive year and we were able to finish under budget for the eleventh straight year. The sheriff's office generated approximately \$985,000 dollars in revenue from housing and transporting federal inmates and inmates from other counties, about \$2,700.00 per day.

In August we said farewell to Undersheriff Kevin Monroe, who retired and moved to North Carolina. We wish Kevin a happy and healthy retirement. On August 23rd, I appointed Scott A. Cicirello as the new Undersheriff. Scott, a retired investigator from the NYSP, has a long history of law enforcement in Allegany County and I'm sure he will serve our office well.

With the implementation of bail reform our local inmate population was down about 25% but inmates in the working inmate program still managed to work a total of 14,112 hours, the equivalent of over 7 full time employees, at a cost of \$1,764.00, which was paid from the inmate commissary account. The inmate garden raised over 3,850 pounds of produce which was used to reduce the cost of meals at the jail. The pheasant program, which is run at no expense to the taxpayers, raised and released 1,550 birds.

We continued to partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Southern Tier West to offer the NYS Farm to School program to our local school districts. Through this program we processed 2,805 pounds of produce from local farmers. The working inmates and kitchen staff processed and froze this produce for distribution to local schools for their students to enjoy.

Although the primary responsibility of the Sheriff's Office is the operation of the Allegany County Jail, we are also charged with the security at the county office building and court complex, law enforcement activities on both Cuba and Rushford lakes, the civil process and the operation of the county's E-911 dispatch center.

Our office continued our county-wide enumeration / 911GIS update project. A total of 1,522 new addresses were added and 463 road segments were modified. As of December 31, 2021, 15 of the 29 townships and 2 of the 10 villages had been completed. Beginning in 2022 this project will be overseen by the County Administrator.

Our Office is also involved in the community. In 2021, in partnership with PPAC, the Sheriff's Office sponsored two drug take-backs throughout Allegany County and maintained several drop boxes collecting and destroying over 1,750 pounds of drugs, keeping them off our streets. As a result of our annual "Beard for Bucks" program, we were able to donate \$1,750.00 to the Allegany County Foundation for the Shop with a Cop fund.

I want to recognize my administrative staff; Undersheriffs Kevin Monroe and Scott Cicirello, Jail Administrator Christopher Ivers, Assistant Jail Administrator Lt. Kevin Morsman, Lt. Andrew Bigelow, and Sgt. Craig Plaisted whose assistance has been invaluable.

Despite new sweeping legislation, including raise the age, bail and police reform, along with the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the Sheriff's Office continued to move forward in 2021 and I am confident that the men and women of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office will again meet the challenges of the upcoming year in a professional and fiscally responsible manner.




Rick Whitney
Allegany County Sheriff



ALLEGANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office is to partner with the citizens and other stakeholders in Allegany County to provide a safe and stable environment to nurture families and business. We will strive to maintain a professionally operated and humane jail and protect our courts and the public, while focusing on fiscal responsibility and budget management. We will perform our duties with a commitment to the values of honesty, fairness and integrity while recognizing that we are servants of our community.

JAIL DIVISION

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office generated just under \$1,000,000.00 in revenue through housing and transportation of federal and extra local inmates in 2021, about \$2,700.00 per day. The average daily population of the jail was 66 of which 30 were housed in and 36 were local inmates. The Jail Administrator, Assistant Jail Administrator and jail staff did a good job of reacting to the COVID 19 pandemic in keeping the virus out of the inmate population with only 7 incarcerated individuals and 14 staff members testing positive. One incarcerated individual was admitted to the hospital with COVID and was hospitalized, put on a ventilator and returned to the jail after 10 days. Two Staff members were hospitalized and off work for extended periods of time.

The Jail did its best to maintain protocols and procedures to help fight the Pandemic. They include changing our intake and release procedures to ensure safe transitions into and out of our facility. We added new medication delivery procedures and updates monitoring for symptomatic inmates. We reviewed our operations and revised our policies on communicable disease since the COVID-19 pandemic and communicated to staff any operational adjustments and provided copies to staff of relevant policy/policies specific to COVID-19. Facility staff rewrote and changed policy as NYSDOH and CDC guidelines changed. The New York State Commission of Corrections was on site twice and conducted three separate evaluations of the Facility to include COVID-19 preparedness and compliance with State and Federal guidelines.

We continued our enhanced cleaning/disinfecting and hygiene practices and employed social distancing strategies to increase space between individuals inside the jail. We worked with the Allegany County Department of Health and other County agencies to help deliver sanitizer and any other service that we could to support the County during the pandemic.

Visitation continued to be paused and all in person educational and support programs remained remote. The Facility expanded video visitation to help ease the reality of COVID and its impact on visitation. We did get equipment installed to provide opportunities for remote learning and other support programs. That same equipment is used for court proceedings, both local and federal, as well. We also implemented verbal screening and temperature check protocols for incoming incarcerated individuals, staff and visitors.

I am proud of how the Allegany County Sheriff's Office employees have reacted to this continued unprecedented work environment. Unlike many other agencies and sectors of our society we were required to come to work all day every day and the Sheriff's Office staff did so without complaint and were committed to proving a safe and stable environment for our incarcerated individuals and assisting other agencies where we could.



ADMINISTRATION



Jail Administrator Chris Ivers, Lt. Andy Bigelow, Sgt. Craig Plaisted, Assistant Jail Administrator Kevin Morsman, Undersheriff Cicirello, and Sheriff Whitney



Secretaries / Pistol Permit Clerks
Evelyn Thorington and Sue Kayes



Accountant Sara Weller and
Account Clerk Typist Kelly Cumpston

WORKING INMATE PROGRAM

In 2021 inmates in the working inmate program worked a total of 14,112 hours at a cost of \$1,764.00 which was paid from the Inmate Commissary Account. Working Inmate responsibilities were as follows: laundry, general cleaning, floor maintenance, interior painting, and helping with food preparation, serving meals and assist with landscaping and snow removal.

The working inmates were able to complete the rehabilitation of two housing units. Because of the continued COVID crisis, work had to be halted in order for us to have a housing unit to quarantine inmates. Work accomplished consisted of deep cleaning the units, painting walls and doors, stripping and waxing floors.

The Allegany County Sheriff's has partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County and Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board to offer The New York State Farm to School Program to our local school districts.

The New York State Farm-to-School Program was created to connect schools with local farms and food producers to strengthen local agriculture, improve student health, and promote regional food system awareness. As a result of Farm-to-School, students have access to fresh, local foods, and farmers have access to new markets through school sales. There are 3 school districts currently participating in the program. The working inmates and kitchen staff receive the produce fresh from the local farmers process and freeze for distribution to the schools. This year we processed 2,805 lbs. of produce:

The working inmates raised 3,856 lbs. of produce valued at \$3,670.67 in the gardens located on site. Due to the current bail reform rules, this total is considerably lower than previous years. It is unclear if we will be able to sustain this worthwhile project in the future. A breakdown of the produce variety and weight are as follows:

Green Peppers - 52 lbs.

Cabbage - 358 lbs.

Potatoes - 917 lbs.

Tomatoes – 316 lbs.

Zucchini - 413 lbs.

Yellow Squash - 432 lbs.

Onions - 662 lbs.

Cucumbers - 118 lbs.

Apples - 578 lbs.

Peaches – 10 lbs.



Apple trees

PHEASANT PROGRAM



The working inmates raised and released 1,550 mature pheasants in Allegany County. The pheasants were received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as day old chicks at no cost. The Allegany County Pheasant Program Board members work with landowners to allow access to their property for the release of pheasants and public hunting during the New York State Pheasant Season and conduct fundraising events throughout the year to cover their operating expenses. The current board officers are: Chairman Bill Hadsell; Secretary John Tucker and Treasurer Nick Massal.

There were nine release sites supplied with pheasants within the county for the 2021 youth and regular pheasant seasons. A list of the release sites are as follows:

1. Keller Hill Rd., Town of Cuba	222 pheasants released
2. Council House Rd., Town of Caneadea	219 pheasants released
3. North Branch Rd., Town of Cuba	177 pheasants released
4. County Rd. 2 & 2A, Town of West Almond	169 pheasants released
5. County Rd. 16, Town of Angelica	123 pheasants released
6. Hanging Bog D.E.C., Town of New Hudson	64 pheasants released
7. Nouvou Rd., Town of Genesee	192 pheasants released
8. Weidrick Road, Town of Wellsville	192 pheasants released
9. Coyle Rd., Town of Bolivar	192 pheasants released



KITCHEN

In 2021 we said farewell to our long-time cook manager Wilma Simons and welcomed our new cook manager Erica Torrey. Our kitchen staff served 72,311 meals which were up from 2020 (69,467). The average cost per meal (food only) was \$1.96 up \$0.11 from 2020. The average cost per meal including supplies also increased by \$0.08 to \$2.09 per meal. Total cost for food was \$136,749.85 up \$8,727.62 from 2020 and the total cost for supplies was \$7,531.52 down \$3,749.39 from 2020. The rise in costs was mostly due to the increase in prices from our vendors.

The kitchen remains clean and compliant with all local, state and federal regulations.

Summary of Activity:

Total Meals Served: 72,311

Breakfast: 24,109

Lunch: 24,084

Dinner: 24,118



JAIL COMMISSARY

Pursuant to the New York State Commission of Correction's Minimum Standards, a Commissary is maintained and operated by our facility. Candy, snacks, hygiene articles and writing materials are available for purchase by the inmates. Profits, by law, are used solely for purposes of prisoner welfare and rehabilitation. Items purchased include televisions and DVD players for the housing units, computers and typewriters, board games, puzzles and other entertainment for inmates. We also use commissary profits to buy plants, seeds and equipment to support the jail garden.

Balance as of 1/01/21	\$79,625.09**
Commissions, Pallet sales and bottle returns.	\$45,011.49
Expenditures for Inmate Welfare	(-) \$34,416.96
Balance as of 12/31/21	\$90,219.62

*** - Late entered deposits for December 2020 caused an increase of \$2,360.09 to the ending balance of \$77,265.00 from the prior year's report.*



MEDICAL SERVICES

For the year of 2021:

We continue to provide services and work with USMS to deliver care to their detainees. We provide medical care that meets the standards of care within the community as well as the correctional care standards. Some highlights of the medical department are:

1. Dental care continues to be provided by Dentrust Dental on a monthly basis. There were a total of 54 dental visits within this last year.
2. Eye clinic continues to be done this year with a total of 28 patients being seen.
3. Referrals to outside providers are done when necessary and completed in a timely fashion. Referrals were made to:
 - a. ENT specialist
 - b. General surgeon
 - c. Orthopedist
 - d. Physical therapy
 - e. Neurology
 - f. Ophthalmology
 - g. Oncology
 - h. OB/GYN
 - i. Urology
 - j. Nephrology
4. Chronic care visits are done on a regular basis, based on disease, progression, and medication management. There were 25 chronic care visits.
5. All unused prescriptions are returned to the pharmacy for credit.
6. Urine drug screens are being done by an outside agency and a total of 13 urine drug screens have been done.
7. Continue to provide rapid Hepatitis C, rapid HIV testing, and rapid syphilis testing.
8. Continue to do rapid COVID-19 testing within the facility with 185 COVID tests done
9. All standards were met for the Sheriff's Association accreditation.
10. CQI committee met biannually this year and 1 man down drill was done this past year with good results.

Medical Unit Statistical information for 2021:

History and Physicals	208
Sick call visits	2016
Dental visits	54
Lab draws	55
Discharge prescriptions	21
X-ray referrals	23
Eye doctor	28
Chronic care visits	25
Cardiology referral	4
General surgeon referral	0
Orthopedic referral	10
Physical therapy referral	0
Neurology referral	0
Oncology referral	6
OB/GYN referral	2
Oral surgery referral	0
Nephrology/urology referral	3
Sleep study	2
Psychiatrist	0
GI specialist	1
ER referral	16
HIV screening tests	17
HCV screening tests	16
Newly diagnosed HIV	0
Newly diagnosed Hep C	2
One on one MH sessions	826
MH 14 day assessments	78
MH sick call slips	153
MH referrals to outside agencies	49
Psychosocial evaluations	44
Groups	0



CORRECTIONS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The purpose of CERT is to handle emergency situations arising in the Allegany County Jail. This highly trained and motivated group is led by Team Commander Corrections Officer Jeff Kinney, and consists of one Team Leader, two Assistant Team Leaders and eleven CERT Operators. The goal of the team is to handle emergencies quickly while minimizing the risk of injury to officers, civilians and inmates. During 2021, the CERT Team added new members in order to maintain a full complement of operators ready to respond. New operators were trained in CERT tactics and are able to respond to CERT activations.

CERT conducts regular trainings to maintain the readiness of the team. No injuries to officers were reported during training. The team is always looking for new training opportunities to make it more effective and efficient in response to incidents. In 2021, CERT members trained in the following areas:

- CERT Policy and Procedure
- Defensive Tactics
- Compliant and Non-compliant handcuffing
- Cell Extractions
- Tactical Positioning
- Use of Chemical Agents
- Facility Shakedowns
- Jail Evacuations
- Videotaping tactical operations
- Therapeutic Restraints/Restraint Chair
- NYS Penal Law Article 35 – use of force
- Mobile Field Force
- All CERT operators qualified in the use of department weapons

CERT utilized three K-9 units from Livingston County Sheriff's Office for a sweep of the Allegany County Jail Facility

CERT was activated for a barricaded individual in Alpha pod.

CERT conducted periodic facility shakedowns of the Allegany County jail throughout 2021.

CERT operators also conducted High Risk Inmate Transports at different times to locations within and outside the facility.

The CERT Team remains ready and committed to protecting the Allegany County Jail and all those who work, visit, and live within its walls.



CERT members performing a “shakedown”

TRANSPORTS AND ESCORTS

The Sheriff’s Office performed numerous transports and escorts in 2020 for Police, Local Courts, County Court, Superior Court, Family Court and for federal detainees. There were 401 transports in 2020 totaling 36,035 miles and 2,617 hours. Of note, the Allegany County Sheriff’s Office performed:

- 135 United States Marshall Service Transports with 19,470 miles and 1,354 hours
- 123 Local Court transports with 2,206 miles and 317 hours
- 94 Medical transports with 5,338 miles and 1,041 hours
- 45 Rehabilitation transports with 4,409 miles and 216 hours
- 10 State prison transports with 1,900 miles and 115 hours
- 5 United States Marshall Service medical transports with 100 miles and 81 hours
- 12 Transports of minors to youth facilities with 3,325 miles and 193 hours

SHERIFF’S OFFICE VEHICLES

Sheriff’s Office personnel drove **165,727** miles over the twelve months of 2021. Our office began leasing our new vehicles in 2017 and we now have ten vehicles under the lease program.

The following is a breakdown of maintenance performed on the vehicles:

Routine Maintenance (Service, Tires, Brakes)...49

Annual NYS Inspections...22

Special Maintenance requiring Dealerships...3

Paint, Body Work, Installations...1

Glass...1

Warranty...1

Recalls...7



TRAINING DIVISION SUMMARY

The Training Division is responsible for the training of new employees, maintaining all training records, and for ensuring that current staff maintains their knowledge and certification on a wide variety of topics.

In 2021, hundreds of hours of instruction were coordinated and provided through the Training Division. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the amount is down from previous years.

IN-SERVICE TRAININGS

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office staff received in-service training to ensure they meet the highest standards, and provide a safe and secure environment for the inmates confined in the Allegany County Jail. The training topics include: First Aid, Sexual Harassment/Misconduct, CPR/AED, Workplace Violence, Internet Security Awareness, and Annual Firearms Qualification.

Training was also provided for newly hired civilian Kitchen staff, and a refresher course for current Kitchen staff. This included topics such as Inmate Manipulation, Ethics, Security and Supervision, and Hostage Survival.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

Sgt. Kimberlie Reynolds coordinates the Field Training Officer program for the Corrections Division. In the calendar year of 2021, the Allegany County Sheriff's Office successfully added 4 new part time Correction Officers.

The Field Training Program proved to be instrumental in the area of dismissing candidates that did not meet the requirements of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. The program dismissed candidates prior to investing more time and added costs to the agency. In 2021, the F.T.O. program dismissed 2 candidates.

The Field Training Program had a very successful and positive year. It is a direct reflection on the dedication and professionalism of the Field Training Officers. They took on an ambitious goal and helped the Sheriff's Office retain better quality candidates.

The roster of active FTO's consists of:

Corrections F.T.O.'s

Sgt. Shawn Grusendorf, Sgt. Kimberlie Reynolds, Cpl. Matt Tronetti, Deputy Danielle Baldwin, Deputy Guy Middaugh, Deputy Dale Thomas, CO Dylan Baker, CO Nate Broughton, CO Mari Stork, and CO Thomas Voss

Police F.T.O.'s

Sgt. Matthew Graves, Sgt. Shawn Mahoney, Deputy Timothy Hand, and Deputy Dale Thomas

OTHER TRAININGS

In 2021, Allegany County Sheriff's Office staff attended training courses hosted by other agencies. This training expanded the capabilities of the agency by certifying members of the Sheriff's Office as instructors for various topics. It also provided updates on legal issues and tactics. Trainings attended in 2022 include:

<u>Topic</u>	<u># of staff</u>
DCJS Instructor Evaluator	2
DCJS Principled Policing Train-the-Trainer	5
Small & Rural Law Enforcement Executive Leadership & First-Line Supervisor Symposium	2
NY Tactical Officers Association Training Conference	2
DCJS Suicide Prevention for Jails Instructor Training	2
DCJS Jail Time Calculation Training	5
DCJS Use of Force Instructor Update	2
DCJS Fundamental Crisis Intervention Skills for Law Enforcement Instructor Course	1
DCJS Instructor Development Course	2

NYS DCJS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

Currently, there are a number of Corrections Officers & Deputy Sheriffs who have Instructor Certification through the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). This enables us to provide training to our employees and to assist with Criminal Justice instruction around the region. We were able to provide instructors for the Alfred State Police Academy. We look forward to continued partnership with all of our peers in Law Enforcement and Corrections to provide professional training throughout the area.

<u>Topic</u>	<u># of DCJS Certified staff</u>
General Topics Instructor	14
Instructor Evaluators	6
Firearms Instructor	5
Chemical Agents Aerosol Instructor	4
Suicide Prevention in County Jails	5
Principled Policing	5
Fundamental Crisis Skills for Law Enforcement	1

INMATE EDUCATION

The Training Division is also responsible for facilitating inmate educational programs through the partnership with CORE-The Learning Center. Due to COVID-19 all in-person educational programs had to be put on hold. The jail was able to connect with CORE Learning Center by means of a virtual classroom using the ZOOM meeting platform. Inmate students attended class Monday-Friday and were given homework packets twice a week. Once completed the homework was sent back to the instructors at the CORE Learning Center. While not an ideal solution, it allowed the inmates to continue their education and provide them with opportunities once they are released from jail. We are hopeful that in-person inmate education can resume in 2021

ACCREDITATION

The Training Division assisted with the successful 2020 New York State Sheriff's Association (NYSSA) Re-Accreditation for the Allegany County Jail. The jail was reviewed on 166 standards and best practices set forth by the NYSSA. The review was conducted by a panel of independent assessors with years of correctional experience. The jail was found to meet or exceed the required standards, and we are now accredited for a 5 year period ending in 2025. Thank you to Sgt. Kimberlie Reynolds for her assistance with this project.

We are currently in the process of seeking accreditation for both our Court Security Division and Public Safety Answering Point (E-911 Dispatch). Each of those divisions will be required to meet NYSSA Standards and be reviewed by independent evaluators. We are confident that we will be able to complete these in 2022.

TRAINING DIVISION GOALS

The Training Division Goals for 2022 include:

- Continuing to provide in-service training to our staff so that they perform in a professional and safe manner.
- Upgrade our training equipment and look for innovative ways to provide training to area Law Enforcement.
- Expand our partnership with local agencies and offer our services & facilities wherever possible.
- Continue to provide general educational programs for the inmate population and look to expand to provide some type of vocational certification program (ServSafe, OSHA, etc.)
- Coordinating with St. Bonaventure University on a possible Pre-Employment Course for Correction Officers. This will supply our agency with a pool of candidates who have already received a basic certification. This will provide us with a group of officers who will need minimal training to become employed, reducing our training costs.
- Sponsor our 12th Session of the Basic Course for Correction Officers.
- Hosting a GLOCK Certified Armorer's Course
- Complete the Initial NYSSA Accreditation for Court Security and PSAP. The process is currently underway.

We will continue to seek out training opportunities for our staff so that the citizens of Allegany County can be served with the utmost professionalism and respect.

3-R DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND REALITY

With the continued pandemic restrictions in place for the first half of 2021, in person groups didn't begin again until the last week of May. Previous plans to attempt to run the group virtually did not pan out as originally planned. The groups are back to being run in person at the jail with one facilitator present and the other facilitator appearing virtually. There is a need for better sound equipment if this continues to be the plan going forward.

Between May and December, attendance ranged from 6-8 men in the program. At the close of 2021 there were 7 actively attending. An entire month of meetings (October) were cancelled due to a COVID outbreak at the jail. In total from May-December, there were 20 group sessions held.

At the end of the year there were several referrals made and there is now potential to have to start a second group if all men are recommended to participate in the program.

More in depth statistics are already being monitored again for 2022 now that things are semi back to normal...and with the new grant cycle starting.



VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY PROGRAM (VINE):
1-888-846-3469

Many victims live in fear that the criminal offender who victimized them may someday return to do so again. For these victims, their families and friends, it is important to know if that offender is incarcerated in a correctional facility – and to know if and when that offender is released from custody. It can be difficult for a victim to obtain timely and accurate information about an offender's custody status – information so important to the victim's peace of mind. However, with just one toll-free phone call to VINE, a citizen can immediately learn the custody status of any offender housed in any of New York's jails or other county correctional facilities.

In addition to providing custody status information to callers, the Sheriff's VICTIM HOTLINE also has an automatic notification feature. Any victim may register with the Sheriff's VICTIM HOTLINE to be automatically notified if an offender's custody status should change. This feature eliminates the need for a victim to constantly call the Sheriff's VICTIM HOTLINE to verify the offender's status. The offender will not know the victim is registered with the New York Sheriff's VICTIM HOTLINE. If the victim is not at home, a message is left on an answering machine. If there is no answer the hotline will keep calling back until 48 hours have passed. During 2021, 49 phone calls, 92 text messages and 74 emails were made or sent to victims, who utilized the system here in Allegany County.

E-JUSTICE

The following information is the result of eJustice New York activity for 2021. This department assisted the several agencies with criminal history inquiries that involve arson convictions. A fire department is required by law to request a check of a new applicant's background to see if he/she has an arson conviction on their criminal history, prior to accepting them into firefighting. Effective December 2, 2014, the law was changed to also allow a check for sex offender status to be included along with arson convictions. Our office provided a total of **78** requests for this purpose. We also provided 145 Criminal Histories for other agencies, including Child Protective Services, other Law Enforcement agencies and various courts.

Our office also provided 79 record checks for many other agencies that are authorized to receive them. These checks are based on information from our SallyPort jail system, SJS Law Enforcement System and the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system in the 911 center.

The office also conducted criminal histories on inmate admissions and releases from this facility. The total number of histories conducted by this department is as follows: (Under Corrections represents total inmates for the year. Every inmate admission has a history conducted on them)

Corrections Admission / Release (IAD) – Total 439 (221 Admissions / 218 Released)

The Sheriff's Office did not provide any defendant breath testing in 2021

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Directed by statute, the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Lt. Andrew Bigelow, has the responsibility of monitoring all the registered sex offenders within its borders which do not reside within the jurisdiction of an active police department. The Sexual Offender Registration Act (S.O.R.A.) requires registered sex offenders to report any change of address, provide employer information, any pursuit of higher education, motor vehicles owned or used and internet information.

Sex Offenders are categorized in four different classifications by the court upon recommendations of a review board. The classifications for registered sex offenders are Level I, II, III, and P (pending classification). Three designations may also apply if assessed as a Sexual Predator, Sexually Violent Offender or a Predicate Sex Offender. Level I offenders are determined to be the least likely to reoffend and present less risk to the community. Level II offenders are presumed to present a higher risk and more likely to reoffend. While Level III offenders are viewed as potentially the highest risk and much more likely to reoffend.

All sex offenders are required to verify their address with the registry once a year. If they fail to do so, law enforcement is sent a notification that the offender failed to comply and a personal verification is required. If the offender has relocated without notifying the change, they are subject to arrest. The Sheriff's Office received numerous notices for failure to return annual verification letters in the year 2021. In each instance, the offender still resided at the address of record or was located and the proper jurisdiction notified of the offender's presence.

Further requirements on registered sex offenders stipulate Level I and II offenders must present themselves to local law enforcement to have their photograph taken every three years. Exceedingly more stringent requirements dictate Level III offenders must be photographed every year. The Sheriff's Office recorded 58 photographs for this purpose in 2021.

The Sheriff's Office currently strives for at least one annual physical verification visit to every offender's residence. The objective is to insure that each offender resides at the residence on record. In 2021 a total of 85 of these verifications were accomplished.

Promoting closer observations of Level III Offenders, regulations require them to physically report in person to area law enforcement every 90 days. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office conducted 110 quarterly address verifications in compliance with this standard.

On several occasions, address verifications revealed an offender had moved out of State or County without registering. The Sheriff's Office took statements and provided them to the various jurisdictions resulting in arrests or the offender registering with that agency.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office occasionally teams up with members of the New York State Office of Parole conducting home visits of sex offenders currently on parole, and also shares information with the Allegany County Probation Department in an effort to assist in monitoring offenders currently on probation.

The current breakdown of these offenders consists of 45 Active Level I offenders, 46 Active Level II offenders, 31 Level III offenders and 2 offenders who are currently incarcerated for a total of 127. These numbers are continually changing because many offenders can be quite transient which makes monitoring them time consuming and difficult.

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office registered 16 new sex offenders and processed 94 "Change of Address Forms" in 2021. Often these offenders move as a result of public pressure, concerned neighbors or disenchanted landlords. Offenders on probation or parole must abide by the additional stipulations set forth by the court which regulates the required distance offenders must be removed from schools, playgrounds and residences which house small children. These boundary restrictions also reduce prospective available housing, instigating relocating.

In 2021 the Sheriff's Office made countless community notifications through our web-site at <http://www.watchsystems.com/ny/allegany> or www.alleganyco.com, and by written notification. Written notice was provided 82 times to local schools, daycares, preschools, and/or local adult health care facilities. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office entertained countless phone calls, inquiries and meetings from private citizens, concerned parents and other law enforcement agencies in the interest of maintaining accountability of the registered sex offenders in our community.

Current Summary (Sex Offender):

Total Offenders: 122

Level 1: 45

Level 2: 46

Level 3: 31

Incarcerated: 2

CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division is currently comprised of one Supervising Lieutenant, one Civil Deputy Sergeant, one Civil Deputy and one Civilian Clerk. The division managed several changes in the New York State Civil Practice Laws and Rules which are continually updated and revised by the New York State Sheriff's Association legal counsel. The Civil Division continues to train, educate and practice a level of professionalism that has been recognized across the state.

The Civil Division clerk maintained over 800 active files and processed \$499,758.10 in undertakings. Fines, bail, fees and monies for judgment as prescribed by the CPLR, which include but are not limited to:

- Certifies all first and second stage income executions by certified return receipt mail applying payments and fees on a daily basis. Maintains a schedule for follow-up with service on employers for wage garnish and status of employment for seasonal lay off, medical leave and child support obligations.
- Close, reconcile and satisfy all accounts according to current status, recording total interest, payments, poundage and fees in satisfaction with various county clerk offices throughout the state.
- Assist employers with calculations for wage deductions as prescribed by CPLR. Advise same of dates of completion and coordinate with a multitude of attorneys for modified payment arrangements. Track all over payments and escrow any funds derived there from and issuing refunds as necessary.
- A review of all eviction warrants, attaches the 72 hour notice, prepares work sheet for serving Deputy and advises landlords on standard eviction processes.
- Maintains Sheriff's Office petty cash issuance and reimbursement, equipment maintenance, receipt and distribution of incoming mail, process of bail, records retention and archival and also acts as notary.

The Civil Division Deputies perform all Division duties in accordance with the New York State Civil Practice Laws and Rules. Deputies are certified by the New York State Sheriff's Association. In 2021, there were 1016 services including 16 evictions, 210 orders of protection, 11 subpoenas, 431 summonses, complaints, petitions and family court processes and 234 income/property executions. The Civil Sergeant and his Deputy cover both the day shift (8am-4pm) as well as the evening shift (4pm-12am) Monday through Saturday allowing for the efficient and successful service of all documents. The Deputies provide a professional and courteous service by ensuring the following:

- Remaining vigilant on the locations and status of all practicing attorneys utilizing the Civil Division for the process of their documents.
- Maintaining an open line of communication between all local, state and federal agencies to facilitate the exchange of intelligence pertaining to the location, employment status, physical description and legal status of known offenders and service recipients.
- Working closely with Family Court to ensure prompt efficient service of Orders of Protection to ensure the safety of all concerned parties. Deputies also continue to address the orders issued by all local courts in the county in an effort to shorten the time frame of notification for the protected party.
- Both Civil Deputies also perform the duties of law enforcement patrol while assigned their respective shift. Civil Deputies issued 145 uniform traffic tickets, 16 prisoner transports, 187 assists to other agencies, 78 vehicle un-locks, 72 warrant attempts, investigated 16 traffic accidents, made a total of 82 criminal arrests and filed 359 incident reports.
- The Civil Division deputies also supplement all out-side details performed by the Sheriff's Office.

Civil Division Summary of Activity:

Total Fines, Undertakings, Bail, and Judgments: \$403,121.17

Services: 1016

Evictions: 16

Orders of Protection: 210

Subpoenas: 11

Summons: 431

Income and or property executions: 234

Misc. 114

Miles Traveled: 60,057



Sgt. Shawn Mahoney / Sue Shedlock

MARINE PATROL DIVISION

The Sheriff's Marine Division is comprised of 10 full time Deputy Sheriffs who are certified NYS Boater Safety Course instructors and NYS DEC certified Marine Patrol Officers. The assigned officers cover both Cuba and Rushford Lakes comprising a total of 4 square miles of water surface. The Marine Patrol works with local communities in an effort to educate the boating public in the rules, laws and regulations of the NYS marine law. Currently the Marine Division operates two watercraft, one assigned to each lake which were received from NYS Parks and Recreation at no cost to the county and 2 Jet-Ski Patrol Units which were also received at no cost to the county.

Deputies conducted 450 hours of patrol on both lakes where they performed 26 vessel inspections in an effort to ensure boater safety. Deputies also logged 159 man-hours of administrative work, investigations, training and boater safety outreach.

The Sheriff's Marine Division is dedicated to the safety of all county residents, and those out of county persons who choose to visit both Cuba and Rushford Lakes. The emphasis of the Marine Patrol is the education of the boating public so as to maintain a high level of safety and security for all those on the water. Deputies realize, accept, and understand the importance of community concern and customer service, all the while balancing the requirements of both local and the NYS Marine Law.

Summary of Activity:

Patrol Hours: 450

Total Hours: 609

Accidents Investigated: 0

Vessel Inspections: 26

Vessel Assists: 5



COURT SECURITY

The Allegany County Court Security Unit under the direction of Sgt. Shawn Grusendorf is comprised of seven deputy sheriffs and correction officers. One officer is assigned to each judge and/or magistrate to provide security and prepare the courtroom before each case to ensure a safe and organized environment for all court participants. Additionally, officers are assigned to courtroom lobbies to maintain order and to assemble litigants and their attorneys for scheduled proceedings.

At the main entrance of the County Courthouse and the County Office Building, there is a magnetometer to detect metal objects on persons entering the facility. Also, an X-ray machine is used to display the contents of purses, handbags, briefcases and any other containers capable of concealing contraband. In addition, the deputies assigned to the entrance assist people in locating the appropriate courtroom and/or office to conduct

their business. At times, court officers will assist with escorting prisoners to and from court appearances. Court deputies execute criminal and civil warrants as well.

During the year 2021, the Allegany County Courts were open for 250 work days. There were a total of 88,131 people screened by court/building security personnel. On average, 352 people passed through the magnetometers per day. The court security division worked a total of 13,875 man hours.

A total of 652 contraband items including handguns, drug paraphernalia, knives, razors, chemical spray, ammunition and common tools were confiscated from persons entering the courthouse complex. Additionally, court security personnel, in conjunction with building and grounds security, arrested 7 people on warrants and other crimes in progress in and around the county office and court facilities.

BUILDING SECURITY AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SECURITY

Building Security

Building Security for the county complex is currently conducted by a single deputy responsible for the personal safety of over 370 employees on 3 separate campuses. Deputy Robert Wilkins responded to 120 calls for service in 2021 including 7 arrests, 21 interviews monitored, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 4 assists to outside agencies, 69 assists for other county departments, 10 medical responses and assisted the general public with 5 lockouts, and provided 241 bank escorts for various other county departments. This deputy is responsible for the patrol of all parking lots and supervises the day to day activities of public vehicular and pedestrian traffic while doing business at the county complex. His professional, reliable and prompt response to all calls for service can be considered a direct reflection of the high level of safety and security enjoyed by county employees, as well as the general public while working or visiting the county complex.

D.S.S Security

Currently there is a single Deputy assigned to the Department of Social Services, Deputy Carol Bigelow. Deputy Bigelow responded to 81 calls for service in 2021 including, 16 general complaints / panic alarms, 2 arrests, and monitored 53 interviews. Deputy Bigelow is responsible for the safety and security of over 150 county employees and also monitors the high flow of public, vehicular and pedestrian traffic that visit the county complex on a daily basis. The professional and diligent manner by which Deputy Bigelow conducts her daily activities remains the defining factor in the level of security felt by all those working or visiting the county complex on any given day.

Building Security Summary of Activity:

Total Calls for Service: 361

Arrests: 7

D.S.S. Summary of Activity:

Total Calls for Service: 81

Arrests: 2



Court Security Checkpoint



County Office Building Security Checkpoint



ALLEGANY COUNTY TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Allegany County Tactical Response Team is led by Lt. Andrew Bigelow, along with team leaders Deputy Dale Thomas and Sgt. Brad Howe, with the purpose and goal to assist local law enforcement and the citizens of Allegany County with emergent or possible emergent crisis situations such as the execution of high risk arrest/search warrants, active shooter issues, crime scene securement, search and rescue operations and felony traffic stops in Allegany County. During the past year, the team was comprised of four (4) Deputy Sheriff's, four (4) Deputy Sergeants, one (1) Police Sergeant from the Town of Cuba Police Department, two (2) Medics, one (1) E911 Dispatcher, and one (1) Officer from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Team trainings were limited in 2021, with the restrictions set forth regarding COVID 19. Members maintained their marksmanship proficiency and skills by conducting four (4) separate range qualifications in conjunction with the annual Department Qualification. Four (4) Team members were able to attend the New York State Swat and Patrol Tactics Conference in Verona, NY where they obtained some refresher materials as well as some new tactics being presented by instructors from around the United States.

The Allegany County Tactical Response Team continues to train to the highest standard and is committed to serving and protecting the residents of Allegany County.



911 COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

In 2021 the 911 Center processed 78,543 calls for emergency and non-emergency assistance, and 57,151 CAD/incident (Computer Aided Dispatch) reports were created. These reports show the following breakdown for services: law enforcement 39,424 calls; Ambulance 11,678 calls; fire 3,247 calls; and other calls were 2,802.

The 911 Division currently employs 12 full-time Emergency Service Dispatchers (ESD) and currently has 2 vacant slots. Randy Swarthout is the Head Dispatcher and Russ Hall is assigned to the GIS and enumeration project. The dispatch center also employs 11 part-time ESD's and one full-time radio technician.

At the county fire convention in July, two of our dispatchers, Ashley Sweet and Chantel Cline received "Citizen of the Year" awards for performing CPR on an Amish man they found lying in the road.

As COVID is still present, we were receiving daily briefings from our health department that was utilized to help keep all our emergency responders safer.

The 911 Center continues to be the primary point of contact for all SCPA complaints in the county along with being the after-hours point of contact for the county Health Department and the Department of Social Services for child and adult protective services.

We continue to work with the ever changing technology as the industry moves forward to Next Generation 911 (NG911). The buildout of our county-wide radio system is moving forward to better serve all our partner agencies.

2021 was once again another year of uncertainty, however, even with reduced events or activities; calls for service increased. Despite being short staffed, these challenges were met, as they always are, and continued to provide the best possible service to the people we serve.

Summary of Activity:

Emergency calls: 54,349

Total calls: 78,543

Distribution of emergency calls:

Law Enforcement 73%

EMS (Medical) 21%

Fire 6%



Sheriff Whitney, Chantel Cline, Ashley Sweet, Undersheriff Monroe

RADIO PROJECT UPDATE

2021 did not bring a lot of noticeable changes to Allegany County's emergency communications system. Due to the multi-million dollar price tag on our projects and our grant funds being depleted from previous projects, we were only able to complete a couple of tasks toward our massive communications system upgrade.

Thanks to our radio technician Matt Evans the first major task that we were able to complete last year was to finally get our fourteenth site fully operational in the Village of Wellsville. This site has been a joint project between Allegany County and the Village of Wellsville Police Department and is currently providing enhanced radio coverage in the village on our two fire channels. As we move forward, we have plans to install all of our channels at that site and enhance coverage for all emergency responders in the area.

At the end of 2021, we were able to use our grant funding from two years to purchase additional base radios for the tower sites. While we did not have enough funding to have these radios installed on the system yet, we were able to purchase the radios needed to upgrade the three remaining channels on the system. This purchase was around \$750,000 and has put us in a good position to upgrade the police and both highway channels at all 14 tower sites, hopefully in 2022.

The last project accomplished in 2021 was an equipment upgrade at the backup 911 center. After several years of using an incomplete patchwork of equipment meant for other locations, we were finally able to purchase the necessary equipment that the Emergency Services Dispatchers use in the primary 911 center to receive and dispatch calls for service. The equipment that was installed at the backup 911 center is now identical to the equipment at the primary center and allows for completely redundant operation of the system, therefore making it more efficient for our Emergency Services Dispatchers to perform their job. This is the first time since moving into the new Public Safety Facility several years ago that we were able to afford to have the two centers fully operational with identical state of the art equipment. These upgrades were performed using the grant funding provided by our Public Safety Answering Point Grant.

The total grant funds that were received for emergency communications by Allegany County from our Public Safety Answering Point Grant and our Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant in 2021 totaled \$858,915.

Our project plans for 2022 is to purchase and install more of the necessary equipment at the tower sites such as antennas and radio frequency filtering equipment. Once this additional equipment is installed at the tower sites, we will be able to move forward with the installation of the 42 base radios purchased at the end of 2021.

Although it does not directly affect our communications system here in Allegany County, this past fall we were able to complete a project that we have been working on for a couple of years with our neighbors in Steuben County. Similar to our situation in the past, Steuben was lacking radio coverage in the southwest corner of their county. We were able to team up with Steuben to not only give them space on our Whitesville tower that we jointly built, we were also able to save them several hundred thousand dollars by letting them use part of our communications network to connect their radios at the Whitesville site back to their dispatch center back in Bath. These improvements for their system will enhance communications with Steuben County emergency services personnel when they respond to mutual aid calls in Allegany County as well as Allegany County personnel as they respond to provide mutual aid in Steuben County.

ENUMERATION / 911 GIS UPDATE PROJECT

2021 was the third full year of the county-wide address update. This project is to ensure the accuracy of addresses along with assigning new addresses, removing addresses that are no longer in use, and updating the road ranges that affect how addresses are calculated. To date, fifteen of twenty nine townships and two of ten villages have been completed.

The workflow / workload changes we experienced in 2020 due to COVID, persist, though slightly reduced. This additional workload has contributed to slower progress completing our Address Checkup. Additionally, as we have become more responsive to address requests, validations and verifications, the number of these requests from agencies such as Post Office, insurance companies, banks, realtors, Census Bureau, etc. has increased, also increasing workload.

Nationally, we continue to work toward implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG-911).

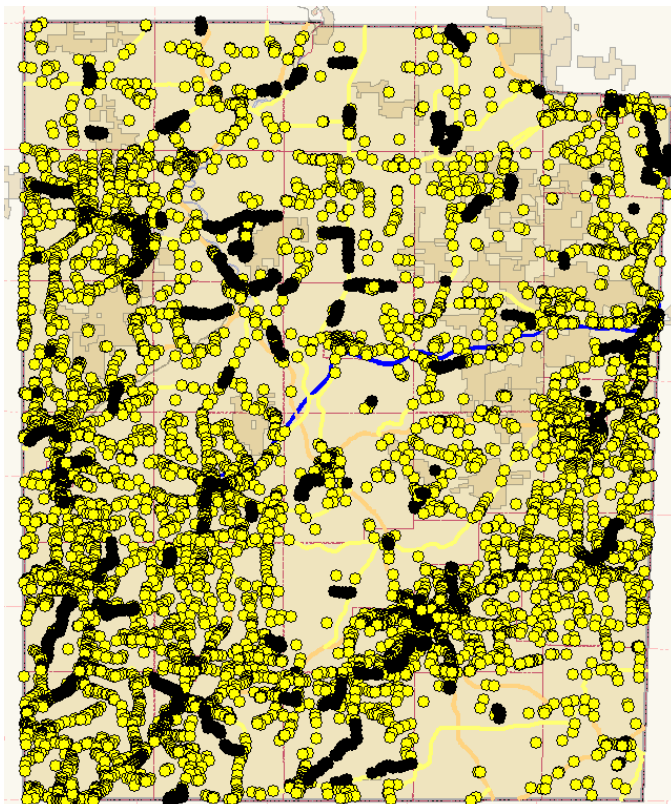
Read more here: https://www.911.gov/issue_nextgeneration911.html NG911 requires GPS data gathering and sharing across jurisdictions. Data must be gathered and processed in a coordinated, uniform manner in order to ensure compatibility across jurisdictions and platforms. This year, we began working with our PA neighbors and have established a secure portal in order to share our latest data updates.

2021 totals: Edited 2,354 address points (1,522 were new); Edited 463 road segments; added 2,275 road segments for out of county areas and handled 484 address requests.

County-wide Status October 2017: 12,137 Unverified / 2,753 Verified / 14,890 Total

County-wide Status January 1, 2021: 8,594 Unverified / 14,366 Verified / 22,960 Total

County-wide Status December 31, 2021: 8,291 Unverified / 16,191 Verified / 24,482 Total



August 2017



December 31, 2021



In 2021 we continued to offer the Code**RED** Emergency Notification System. Code**RED** is a telephone communication service that allows us to quickly notify citizens about emergency situations. All citizens and business are encouraged to register.

Allegany County will use the Code**RED** system to notify citizens about emergencies such as: Severe Weather - severe weather warning notifications will be issued within seconds after being issued by the National Weather Service. Weather notifications are issued for the immediate threats of severe thunderstorm warnings, flash flood warnings and tornado warnings. Other emergencies include:

- Drinking water contamination
- Utility outage
- Evacuation notice and route
- Missing person
- Fires or floods
- Bomb threat
- Hostage situation
- Chemical spill or gas leak
- Other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential

It's easy for you and your family members to register. Simply go to the following registration link and fill out the required information.

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BFE5EB55B2B8>

For residents without internet access, please call the Allegany County Emergency Dispatch Center non-emergency phone line at 585-268-9600 during normal business hours and Emergency Services staff will assist you in the registration process.

Allegany County respects your privacy. Code**RED** will be used when emergency situations arise that you should know about.

The system will be used to send messages only to those residents and businesses directly affected by a particular event. For example, if you happen to live in an area for which a "boil water" advisory has been issued due to a water main break, Code**RED** will call only you and your neighbors to deliver that very important health advisory. If there is a county wide emergency, all Allegany County residents will be contacted by the method of their choice and kept up-to-date on developments.

A Code**RED** Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A Code**RED** General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "Code**RED** Emergency" and "Code**RED** General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

For more information about the Code**RED** system you can go to the following link:

http://www.alleganyco.com/wp-content/uploads/CODERED_QandA.pdf



TRIAD PROGRAM

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office along with the Allegany County Office of the Aging and the New York State Police continue to sponsor the TRIAD Program. This program brings members of our senior citizens groups together to listen to quality speakers on topics that affect their lives. Our seniors also have an opportunity to converse, ask questions and express concerns with local law enforcement officials who attend every meeting. This provides valuable input and insight to us as well. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to host any meetings in 2021. We look forward to this program resuming, expanding and continuing to be a valuable asset to our seniors.

SHOP WITH A COP

Normally, the Allegany County Sheriff's Office maintains a "No Facial Hair" policy. However, in 2012, a few officers participated in a break from the routine for a good cause. After being approached by Sgt. Andy Chamberlain to allow facial hair for hunting season, Sheriff Whitney decided to use this idea to raise money for the annual "Shop with a Cop" program. After some discussion, it was decided that there would be a "Beards for Bucks" program with one-time buy-in of \$25.00. Any officer who participated could grow a beard and keep it through the end of the year. Female officers participate in the program through "Dough for Does" a 50-50 drawing. In 2021 the Sheriff's Office employees raised \$1,750.00, which brings the total raised by this program to \$9,750.00. Unfortunately with the closing of the Wellsville K-Mart we are no longer able to do the shopping. In 2019 it was decided to donate the money to the Allegany County Area Foundation to be used to support programs for children during the Christmas season.



\$1,750 Check to Allegany Area Foundation

PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION (PPAC)

The Sheriff's Office is also an active participant in Partners for Prevention in Allegany County (PPAC). Sheriff Whitney is a member of the Key Leader Advisory Board and also facilitates the Environmental Strategies Committee.

The Sheriff's Office, in partnership with PPAC, local police departments, pharmacists, coalition members and Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse provide opportunities for individuals to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of their unused, unwanted, or expired drugs. The Pill Drop Take-Back days coincide with the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take-Back Initiative. There are two days a year that this initiative takes place; once in the spring and once in the fall. Since 2008, we have collected well over a million dollars of controlled substances (approximate street value) to help reduce incidents of crime and illegal sales while helping to keep our water supplies safe and clean. In 2021 we collected over 250 pounds of unwanted medications at these events.

For those residents who cannot make it to one of our semi-annual take-back days we have provided ten drop boxes throughout the county that are available for residents to dispose of their unused medications. These boxes are located in the Sheriff's Office lobby, Wellsville Police Department, Cuba Police Department, Alfred State College University Police Department, Jones Memorial Hospital, Jones Memorial Medical Practice in Bolivar, the Fillmore Pharmacy, the Friendship Pharmacy, the Alfred Pharmacy and Nicholson's Pharmacy in Belmont. In 2021 we collected over 1,500 pounds of unwanted medication. We hope to add drop boxes in Canaseraga and Andover by the end of February 2022.



Allegany County Spring Pill Drop



Saturday, April 24 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring your unused or unwanted medications and e-cigarette/vaping devices.

Completely Confidential. NO Questions asked.

Two Locations:
Andover Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
8 Chestnut Street, Andover
and
Friendship Fire Department
7 Depot Street, Friendship

Sponsored By: ACASA, Allegany County Sheriff's Office, Andover Vol. Ambulance Corp. and Police Department, Friendship Fire Department, and PPAC.

For more information visit:
<https://ppaccentral.org/pilldropevent/>

Allegany County Fall Pill Drop



Saturday, October 23, 10am to 2pm.

Bring your unused or unwanted medications and e-cigarette/vaping devices.

Completely Confidential. NO Questions asked.

Two Locations:
Belfast Fire Department
11 Merton Avenue, Belfast
and
Independence Emergency Squad
508 Main Street, Whitesville

Sponsored By: ACASA, Allegany County Sheriff's Office, Belfast Fire Department, Independence Emergency Squad and PPAC.

For more information visit:
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THE ALLEGANY COUNTY JAIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

